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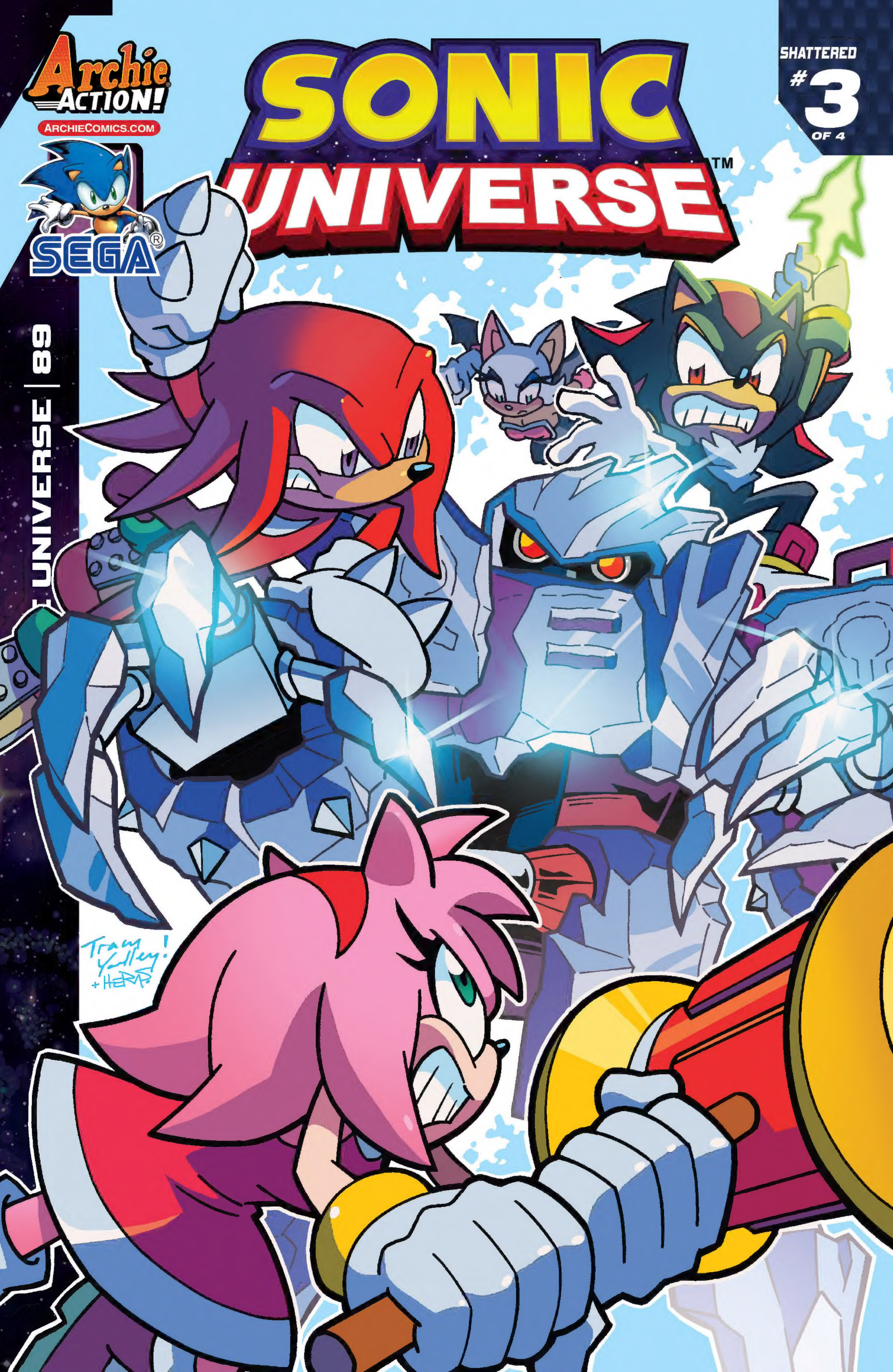
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**KNUCKLES & AMY**
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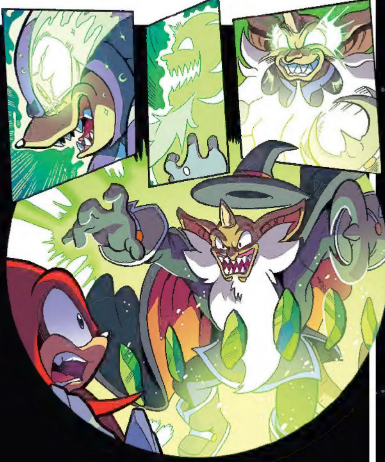
ULTIMATE LIFE FORM & SUPER SPY

**CRYSTAL OMEGA**
POSSESSED SUPER BADNIK

**WALTER NAUGUS**
TROLL WIZARD

## THE STORY SO FAR...

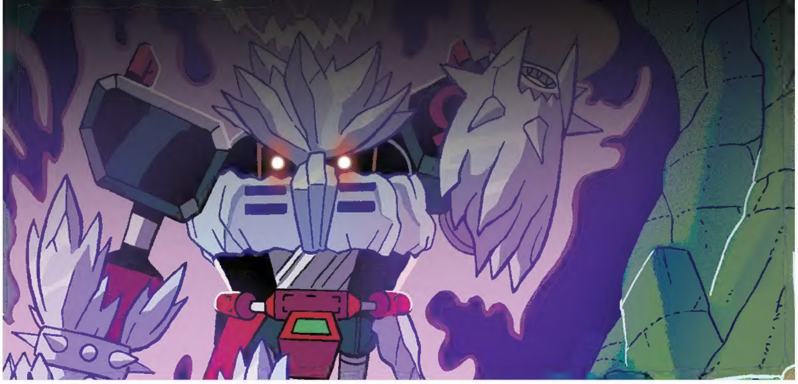


### Loss of Control

**During the search for the final Master Emerald shards, Knuckles was tricked by the vile wizard Walter Naugus. Walter stole the shards, intending to restore the Master Emerald and use its power to restore his magical abilities.**

To stall for time, Walter used what little power he had left to take control of Omega.

**Now Knuckles, Amy Rose, Shadow and Rouge face down the deadliest of the E-100 series, made deadlier by Walter's magic...**



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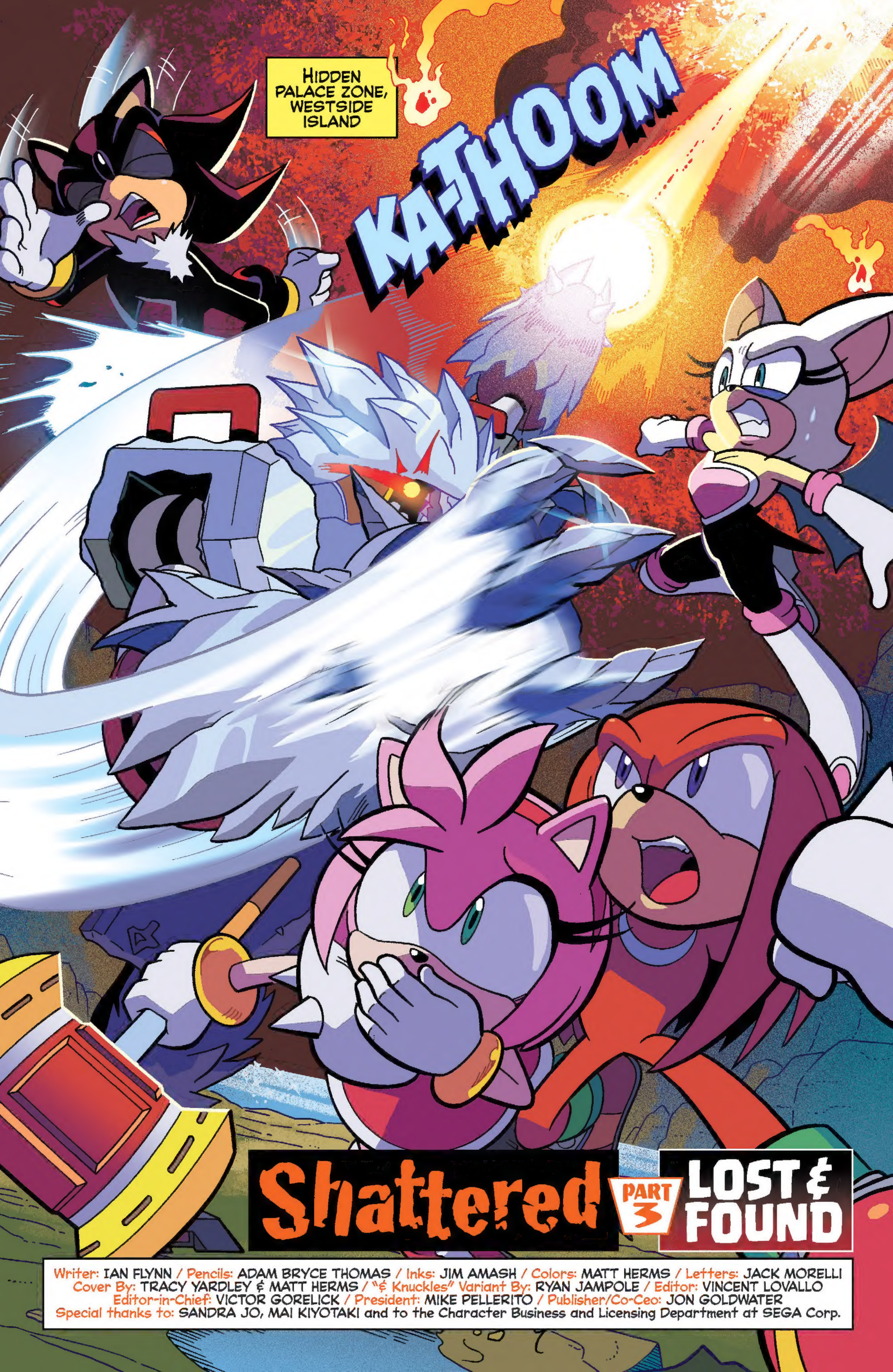
HIDDEN PALACE ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND
KA-THOOM

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## PART 3 LOST & FOUND

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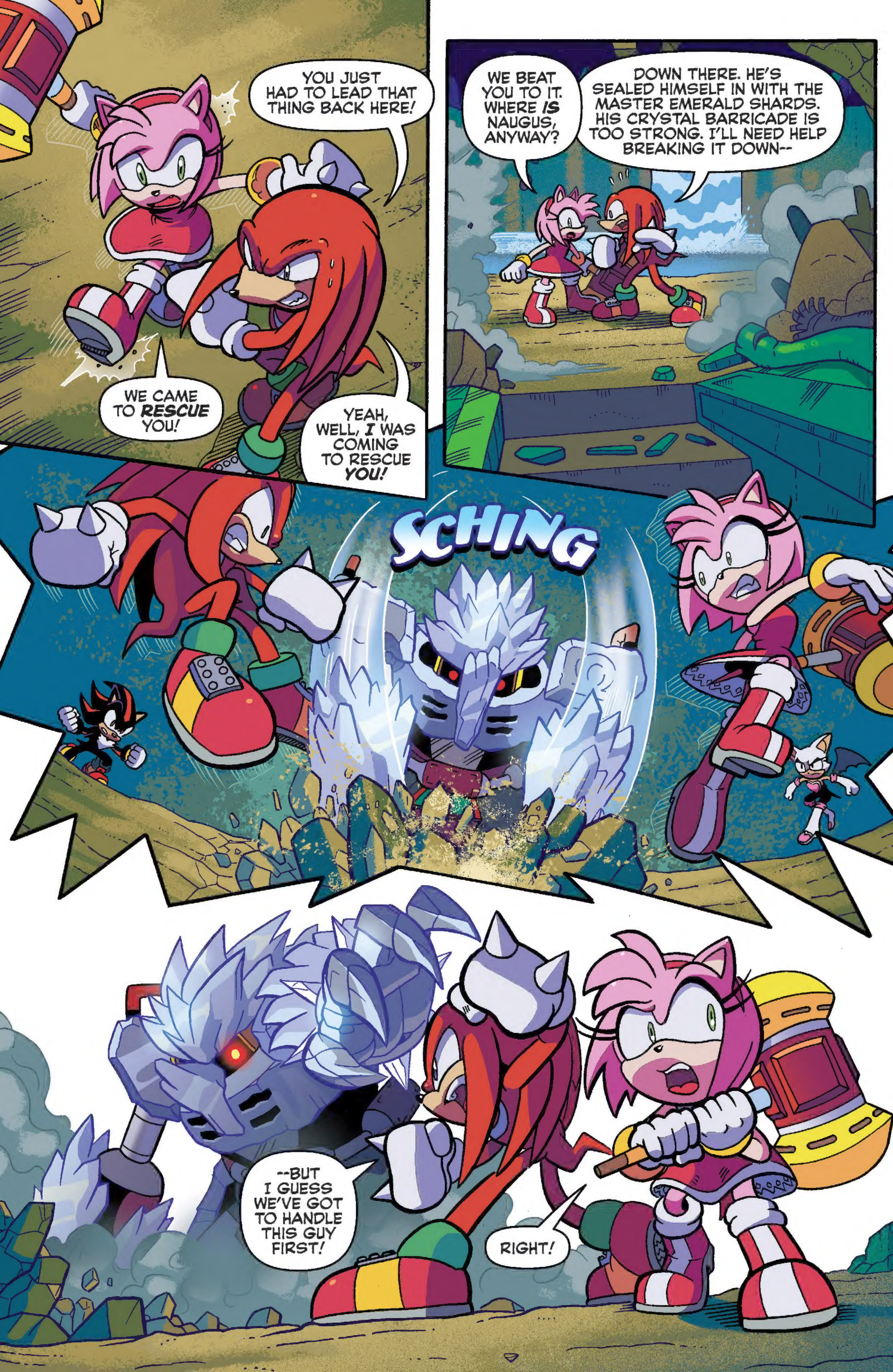
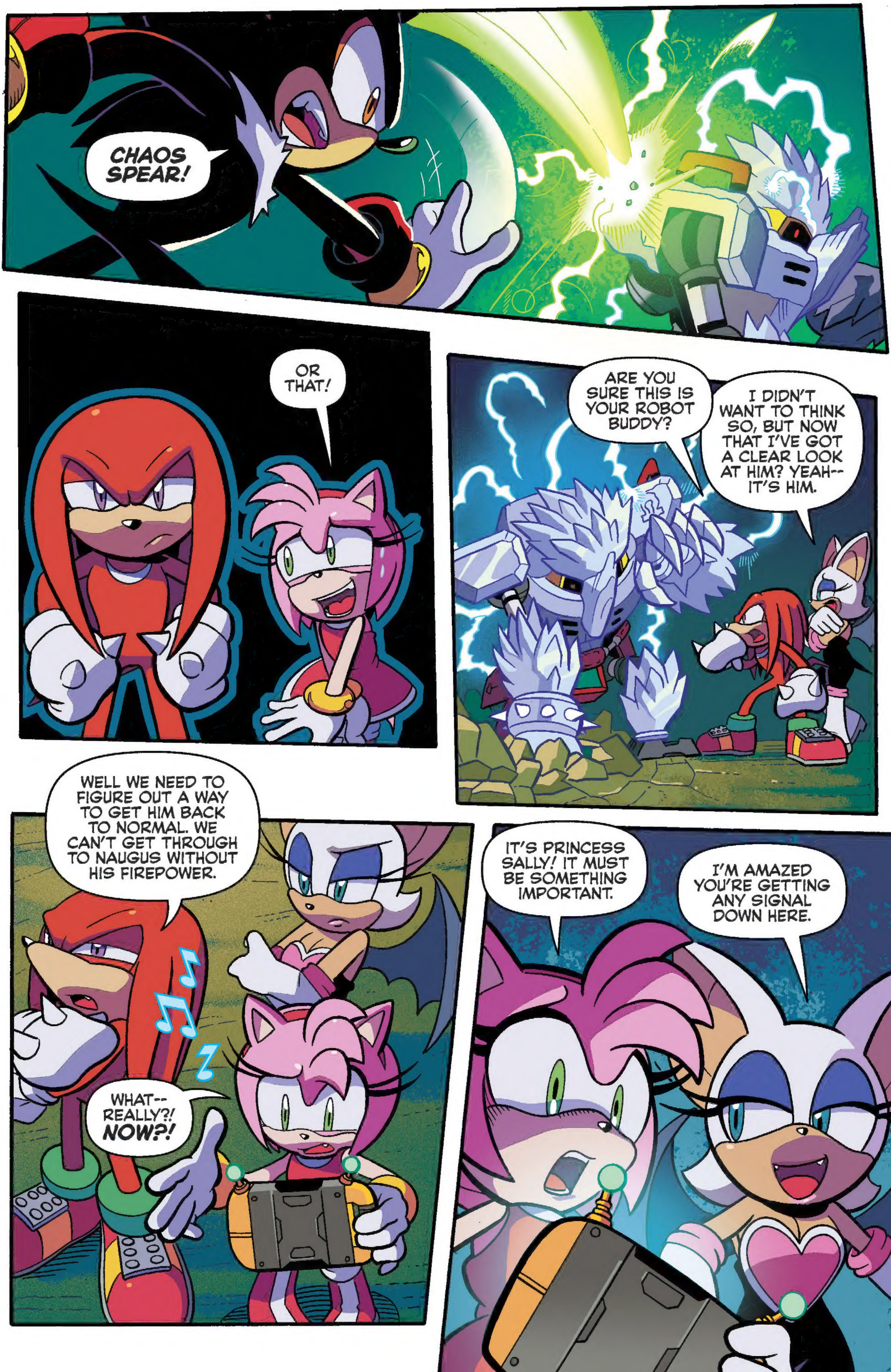
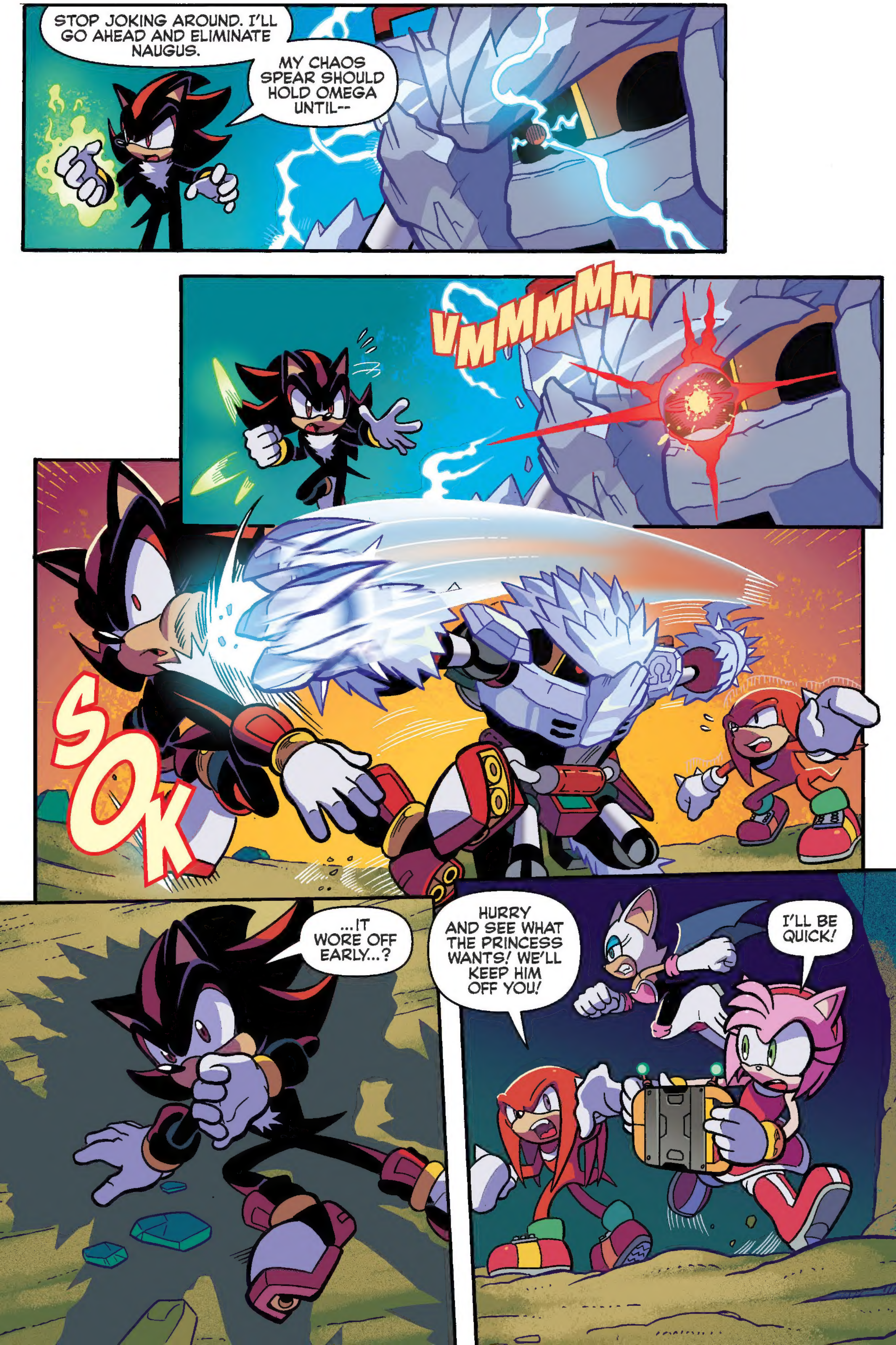
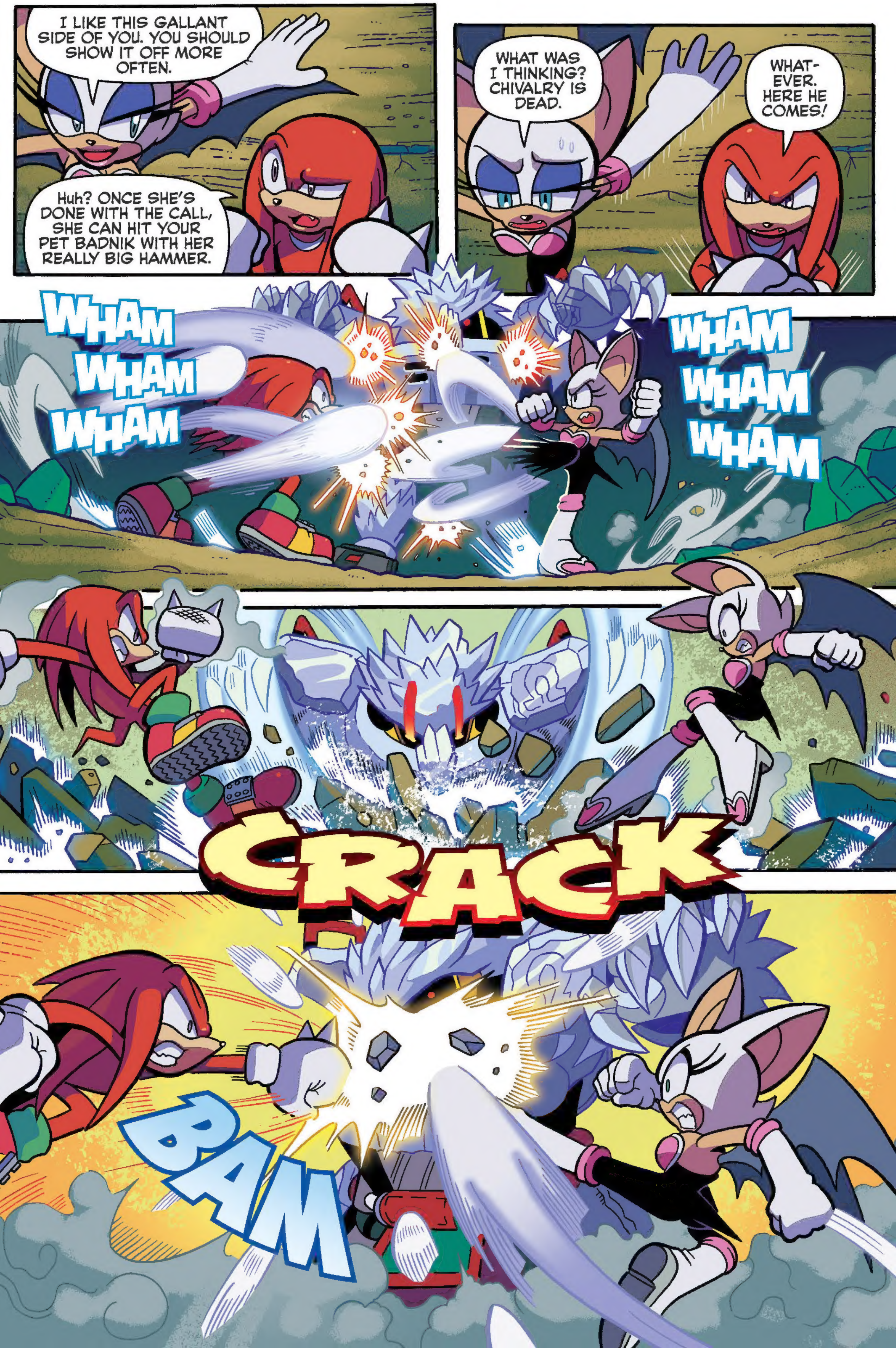
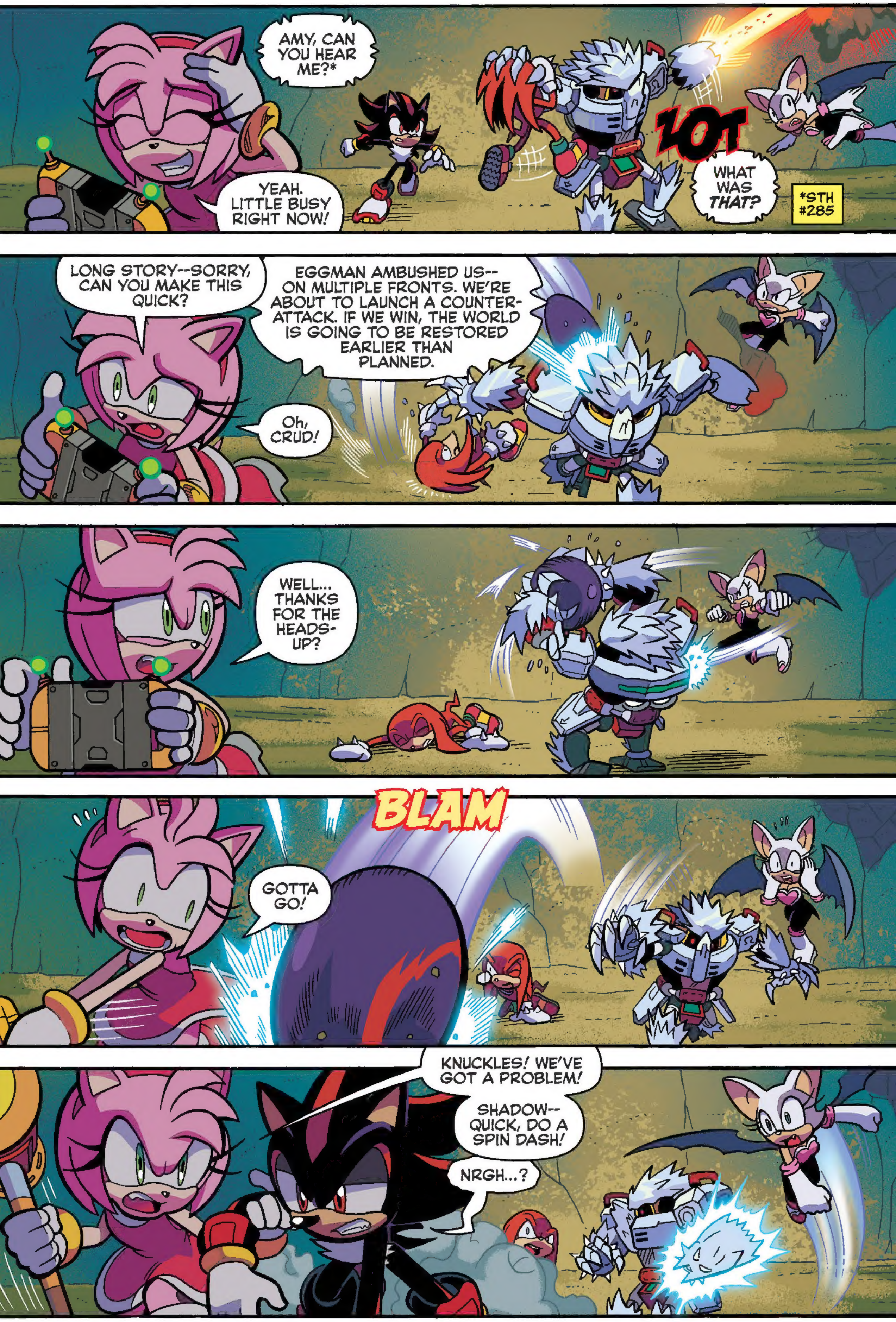
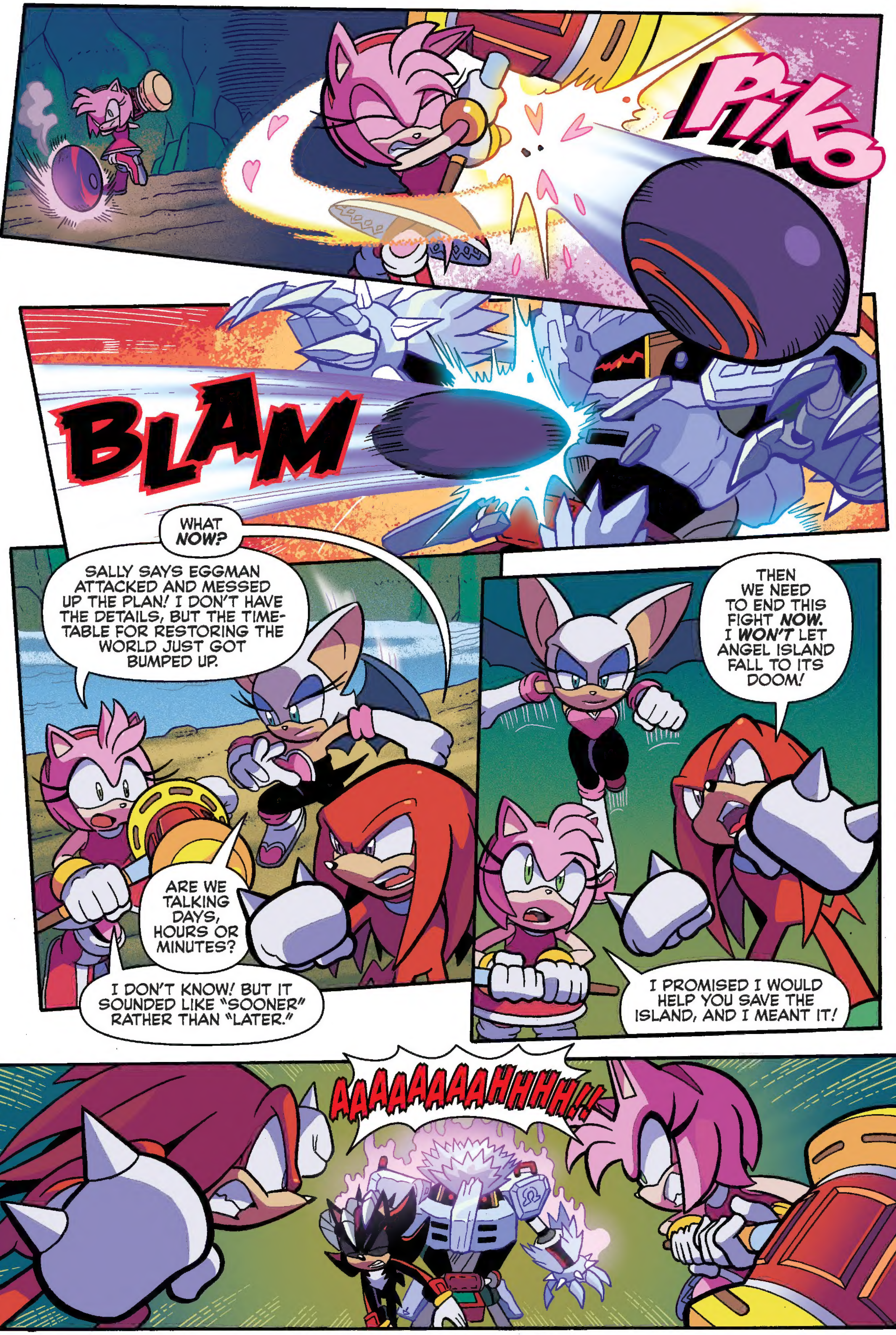

YOU JUST HAD TO LEAD THAT THING BACK HERE!
WE CAME TO **RESCUE** YOU!
YEAH, WELL, ***I*** WAS COMING TO RESCUE ***YOU!***
WE BEAT YOU TO IT. WHERE ***IS*** NAUGUS, ANYWAY?
DOWN THERE. HE'S SEALED HIMSELF IN WITH THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS. HIS CRYSTAL BARRICADE IS TOO STRONG. I'LL NEED HELP BREAKING IT DOWN--
SCHING
--BUT I GUESS WE'VE GOT TO HANDLE THIS GUY FIRST!
RIGHT!

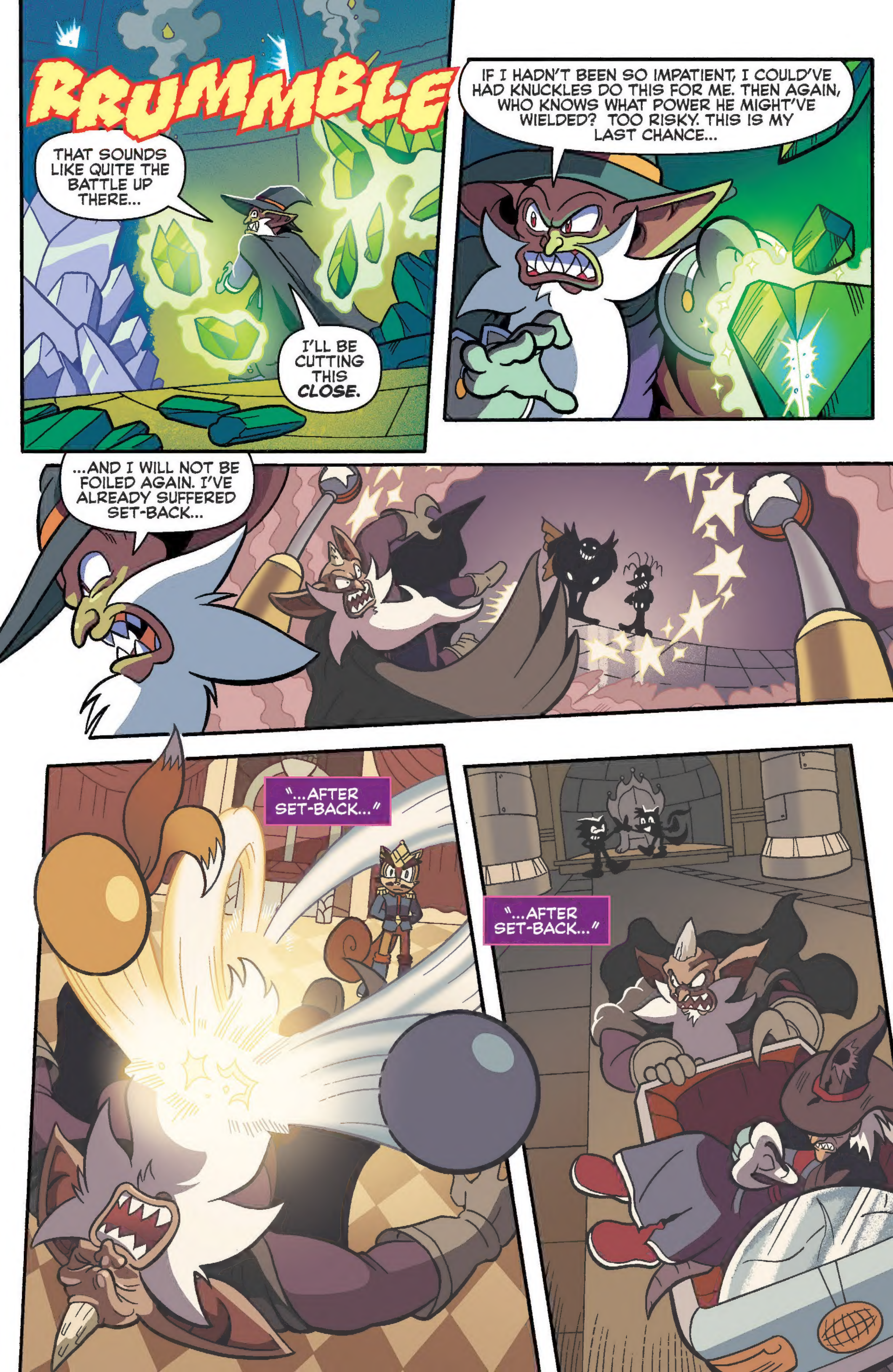

CHAOS SPEAR!
OR THAT!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS YOUR ROBOT BUDDY?
I DIDN'T WANT TO THINK SO, BUT NOW THAT I'VE GOT A CLEAR LOOK AT HIM? YEAH-- IT'S HIM.
WELL WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET HIM BACK TO NORMAL. WE CAN'T GET THROUGH TO NAUGUS WITHOUT HIS FIREPOWER.
WHAT-- REALLY?! NOW?!
IT'S PRINCESS SALLY! IT MUST BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
I'M AMAZED YOU'RE GETTING ANY SIGNAL DOWN HERE.

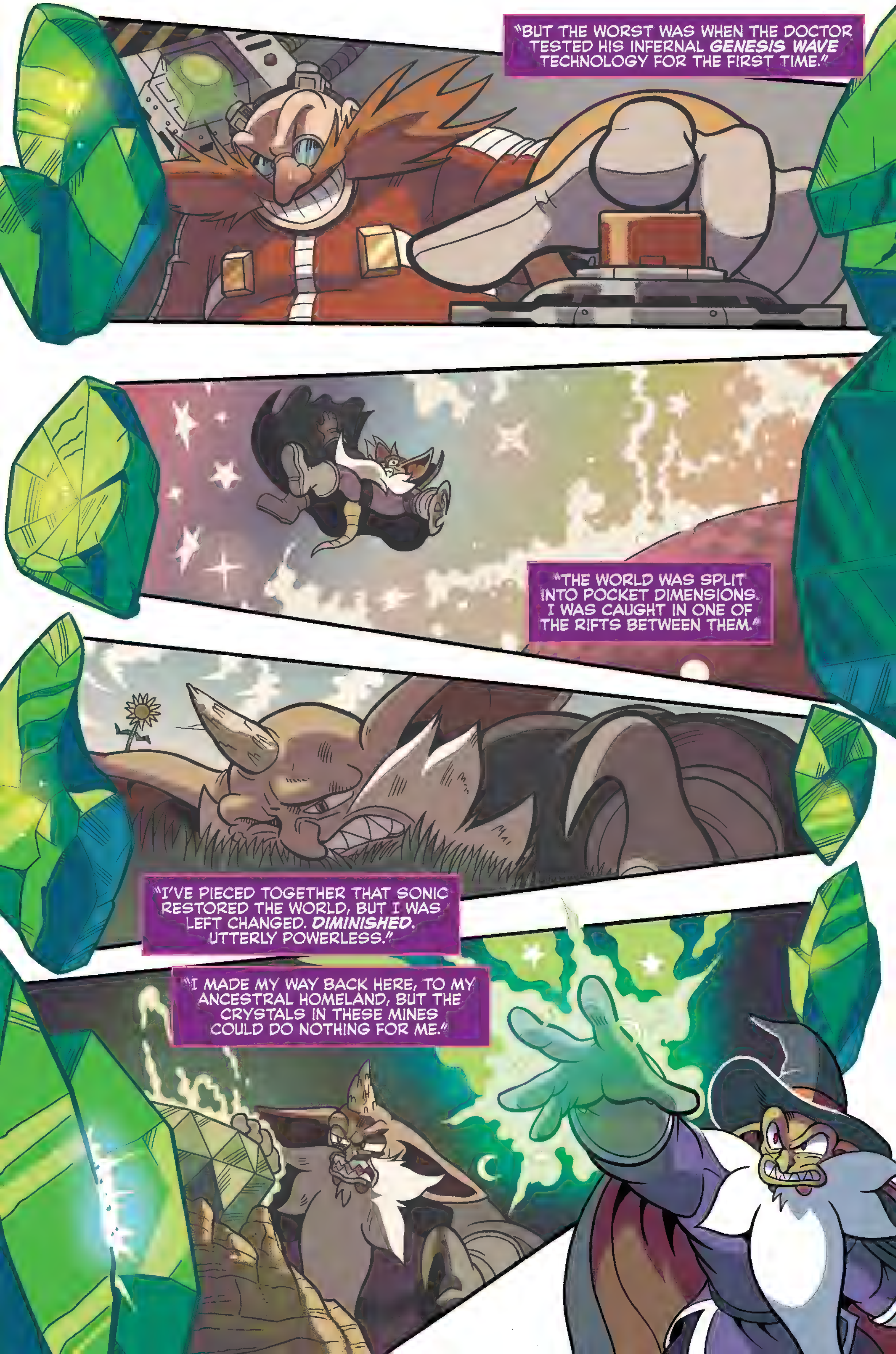

STOP JOKING AROUND. I'LL GO AHEAD AND ELIMINATE NAUGUS.
MY CHAOS SPEAR SHOULD HOLD OMEGA UNTIL--
VMMMMM
SOK
...IT WORE OFF EARLY...?
HURRY AND SEE WHAT THE PRINCESS WANTS! WE'LL KEEP HIM OFF YOU!
I'LL BE QUICK!

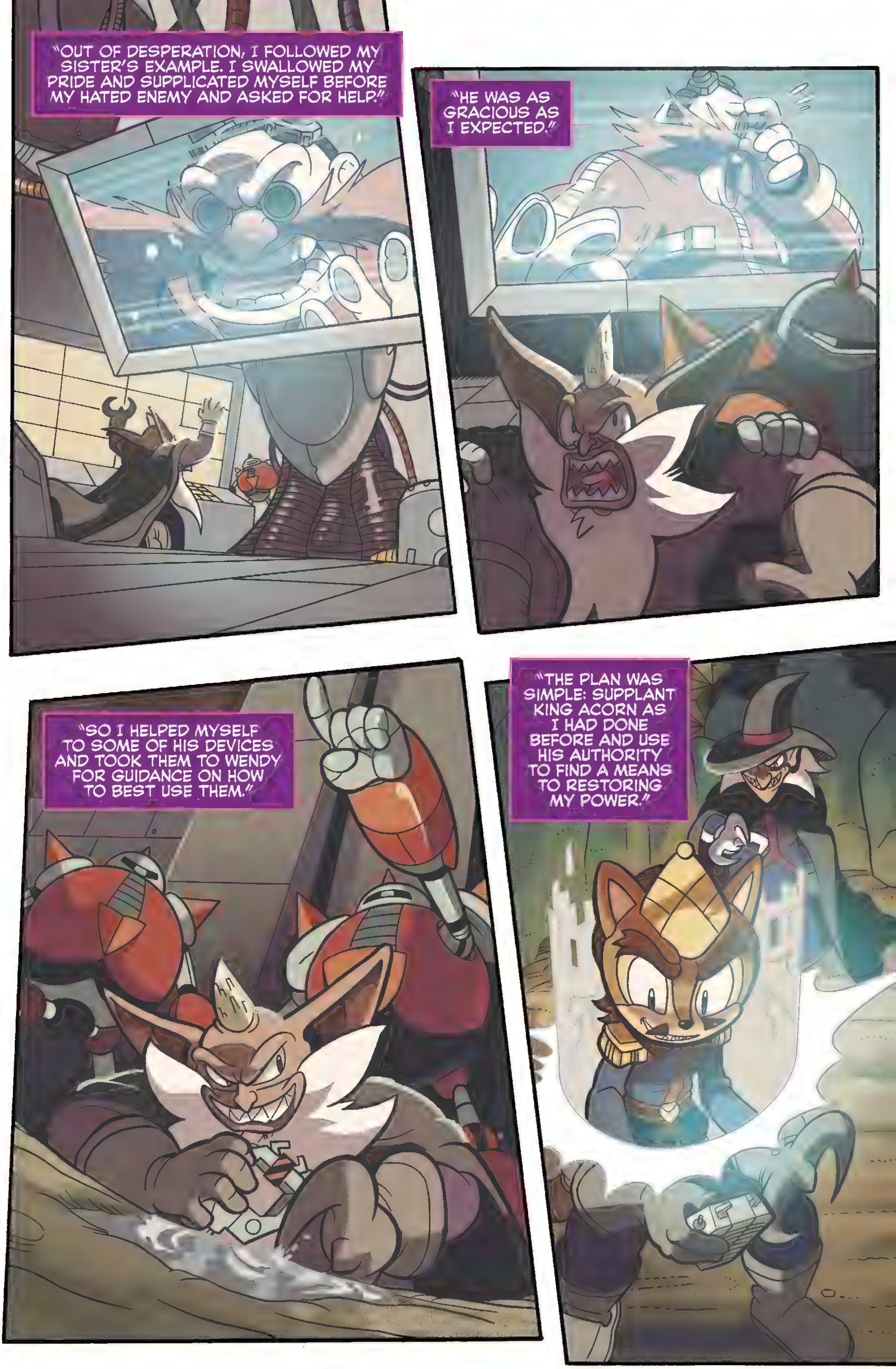

I LIKE THIS GALLANT SIDE OF YOU. YOU SHOULD SHOW IT OFF MORE OFTEN.
Huh? ONCE SHE'S DONE WITH THE CALL, SHE CAN HIT YOUR PET BADNIK WITH HER REALLY BIG HAMMER.
WHAT WAS I THINKING? CHIVALRY IS DEAD.
WHAT-EVER. HERE HE COMES!
WHAM WHAM WHAM
WHAM WHAM WHAM
CRACK
BAM

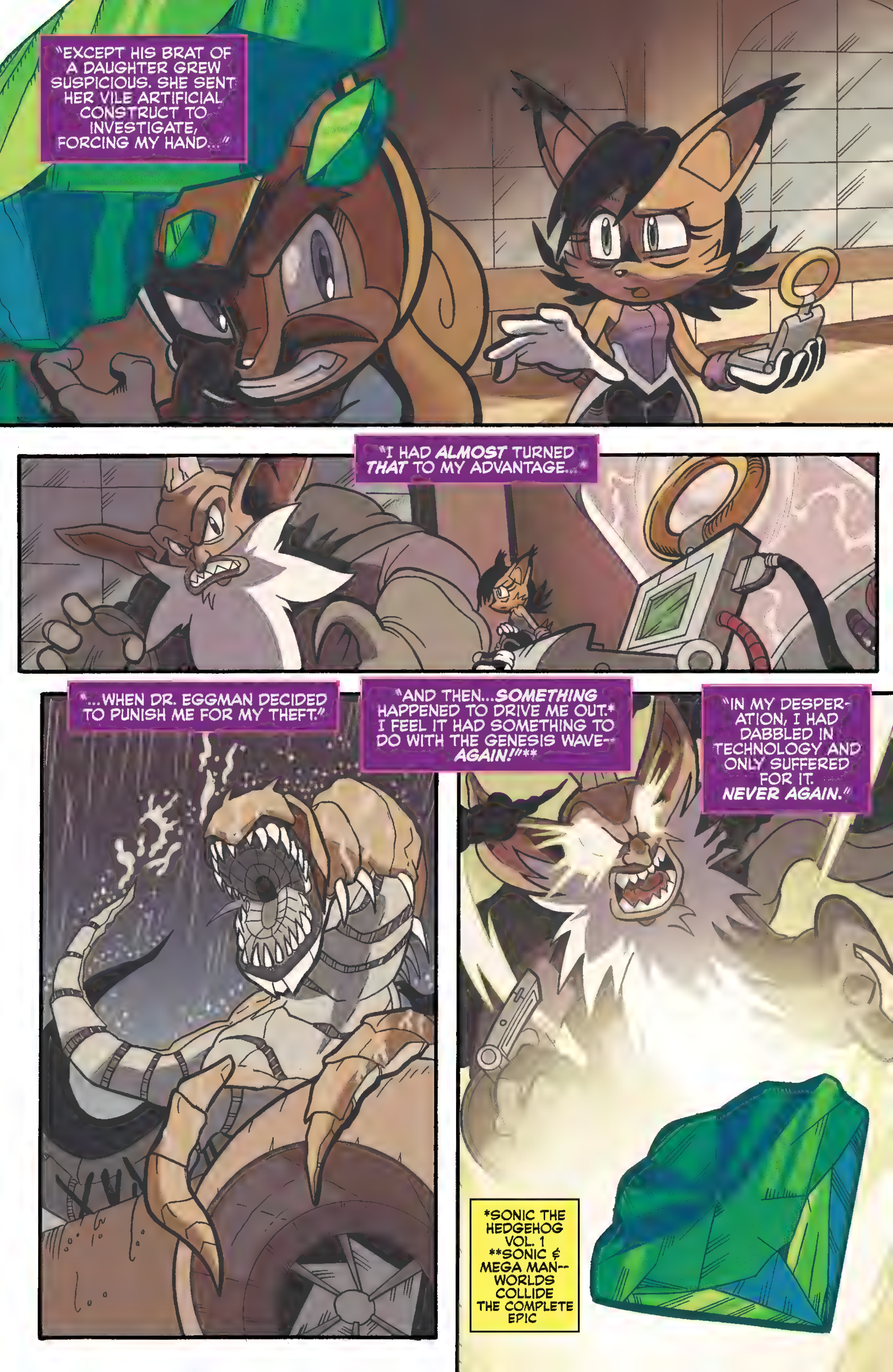

AMY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?*
YEAH. LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW!
ZOT
WHAT WAS *THAT?*
*STH #285
LONG STORY--SORRY, CAN YOU MAKE THIS QUICK?
EGGMAN AMBUSHED US--ON MULTIPLE FRONTS. WE'RE ABOUT TO LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK. IF WE WIN, THE WORLD IS GOING TO BE RESTORED EARLIER THAN PLANNED.
Oh, CRUD!
WELL... THANKS FOR THE HEADS-UP?
BLAM
GOTTA GO!
KNUCKLES! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!
SHADOW--QUICK, DO A SPIN DASH!
NRGH...?

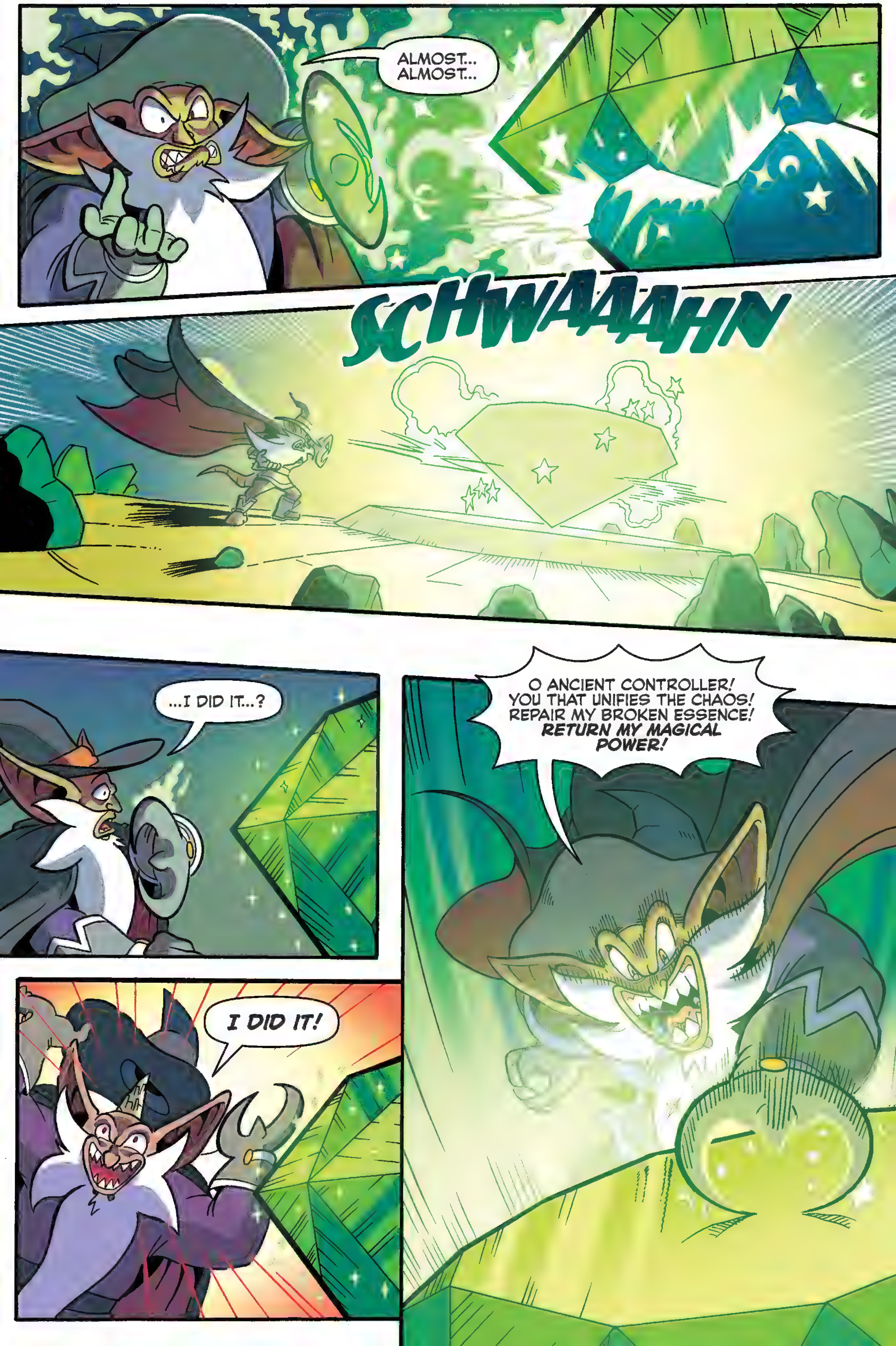

PIKO
BLAM
WHAT *NOW?*
SALLY SAYS EGGMAN ATTACKED AND MESSED UP THE PLAN! I DON'T HAVE THE DETAILS, BUT THE TIMETABLE FOR RESTORING THE WORLD JUST GOT BUMPED UP.
ARE WE TALKING DAYS, HOURS OR MINUTES?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT IT SOUNDED LIKE "SOONER" RATHER THAN "LATER."
THEN WE NEED TO END THIS FIGHT *NOW.* I *WON'T* LET ANGEL ISLAND FALL TO ITS DOOM!
I PROMISED I WOULD HELP YOU SAVE THE ISLAND, AND I MEANT IT!
AAAAAAAAHHHH!!

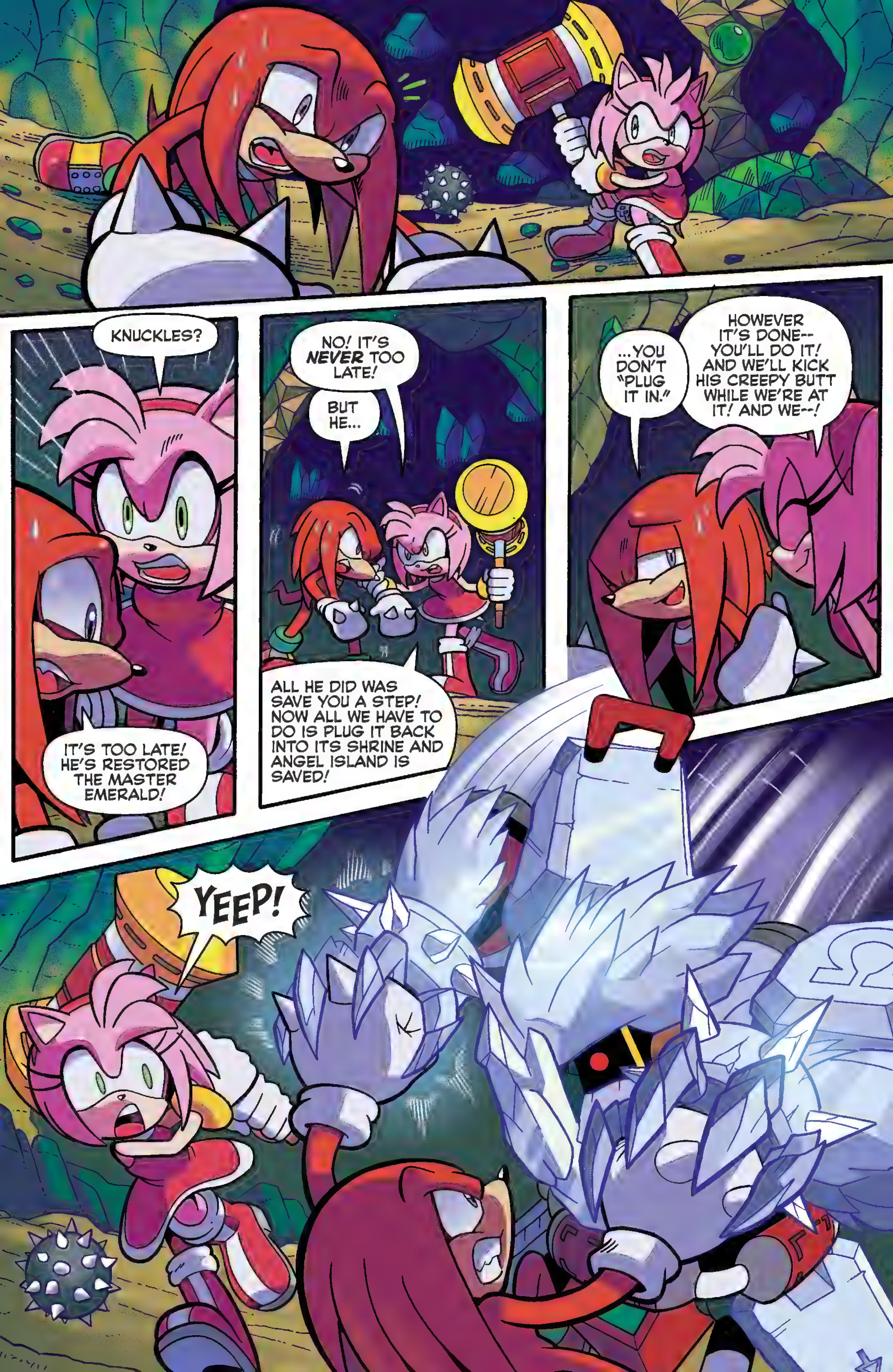

RRUMMBLE
THAT SOUNDS LIKE QUITE THE BATTLE UP THERE...
I'LL BE CUTTING THIS *CLOSE*.
IF I HADN'T BEEN SO IMPATIENT, I COULD'VE HAD KNUCKLES DO THIS FOR ME. THEN AGAIN, WHO KNOWS WHAT POWER HE MIGHT'VE WIELDED? TOO RISKY. THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE...
...AND I WILL NOT BE FOILED AGAIN. I'VE ALREADY SUFFERED SET-BACK...
"...AFTER SET-BACK..."
"...AFTER SET-BACK..."

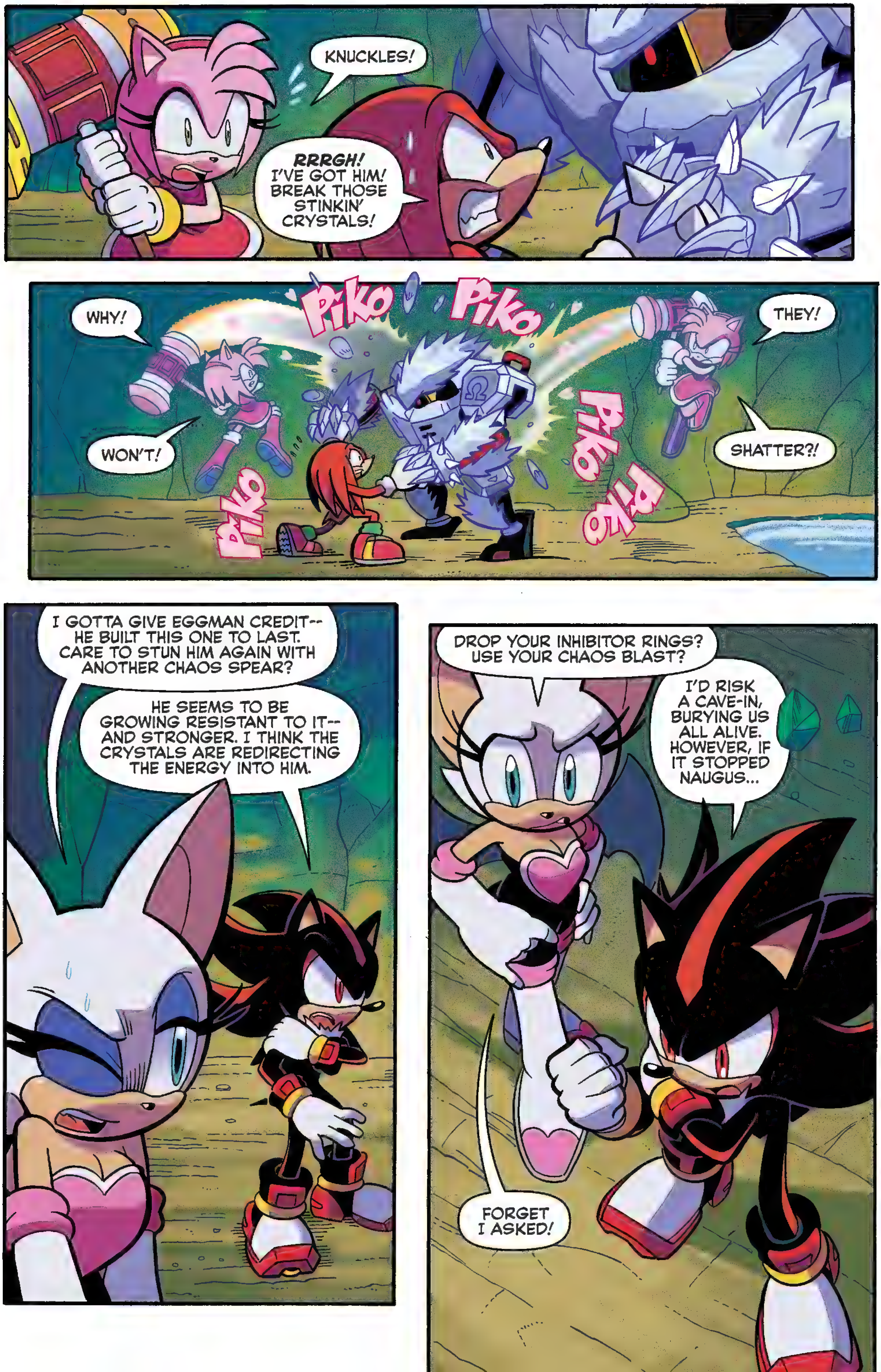

"BUT THE WORST WAS WHEN THE DOCTOR TESTED HIS INFERNAL ***GENESIS WAVE*** TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FIRST TIME."
"THE WORLD WAS SPLIT INTO POCKET DIMENSIONS. I WAS CAUGHT IN ONE OF THE RIFTS BETWEEN THEM."
"I'VE PIECED TOGETHER THAT SONIC RESTORED THE WORLD, BUT I WAS LEFT CHANGED. ***DIMINISHED.*** UTTERLY POWERLESS."
"I MADE MY WAY BACK HERE, TO MY ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, BUT THE CRYSTALS IN THESE MINES COULD DO NOTHING FOR ME."

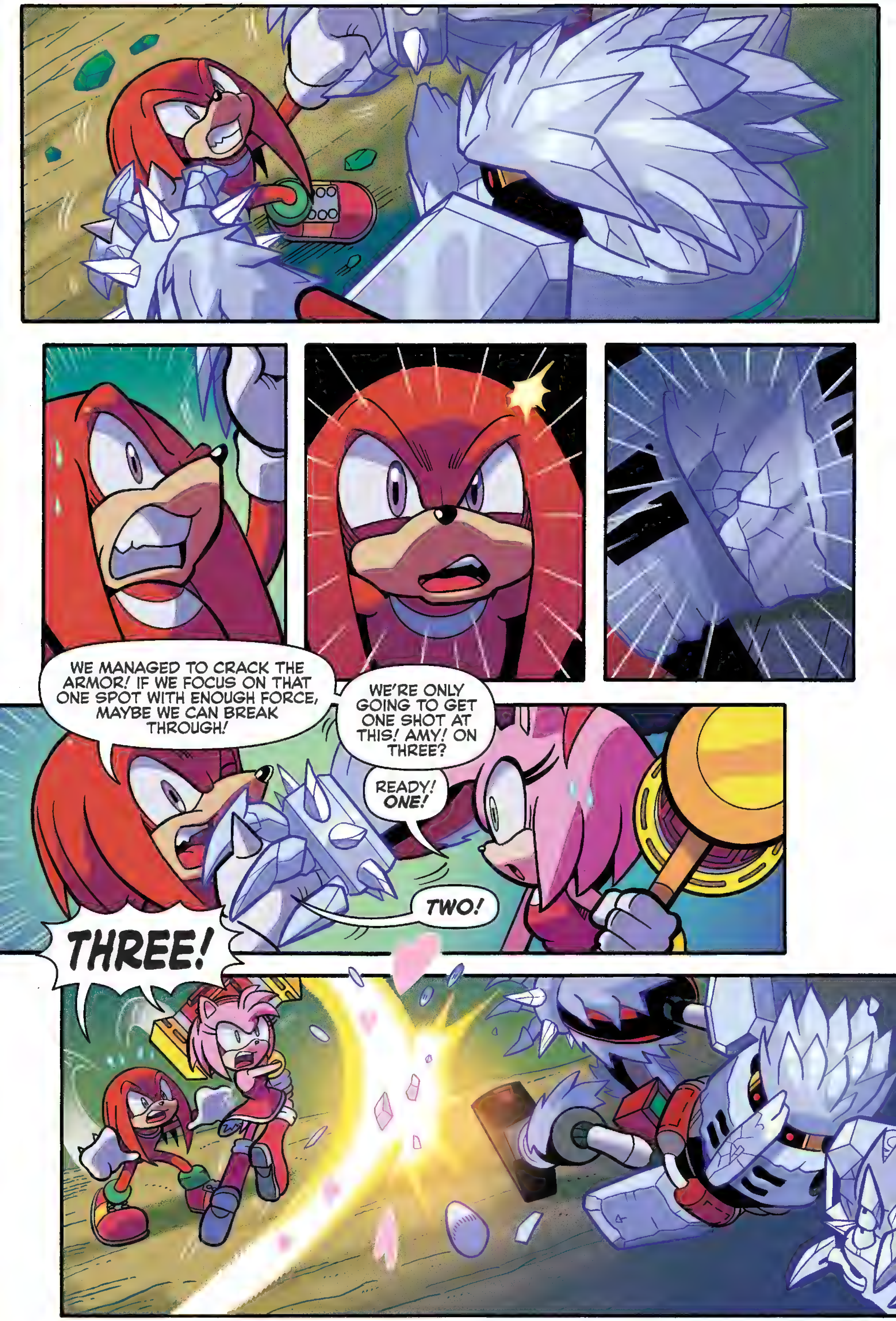

"OUT OF DESPERATION, I FOLLOWED MY SISTER'S EXAMPLE. I SWALLOWED MY PRIDE AND SUPPLICATED MYSELF BEFORE MY HATED ENEMY AND ASKED FOR HELP."
"HE WAS AS GRACIOUS AS I EXPECTED."
"SO I HELPED MYSELF TO SOME OF HIS DEVICES AND TOOK THEM TO WENDY FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO BEST USE THEM."
"THE PLAN WAS SIMPLE: SUPPLANT KING ACORN AS I HAD DONE BEFORE AND USE HIS AUTHORITY TO FIND A MEANS TO RESTORING MY POWER."

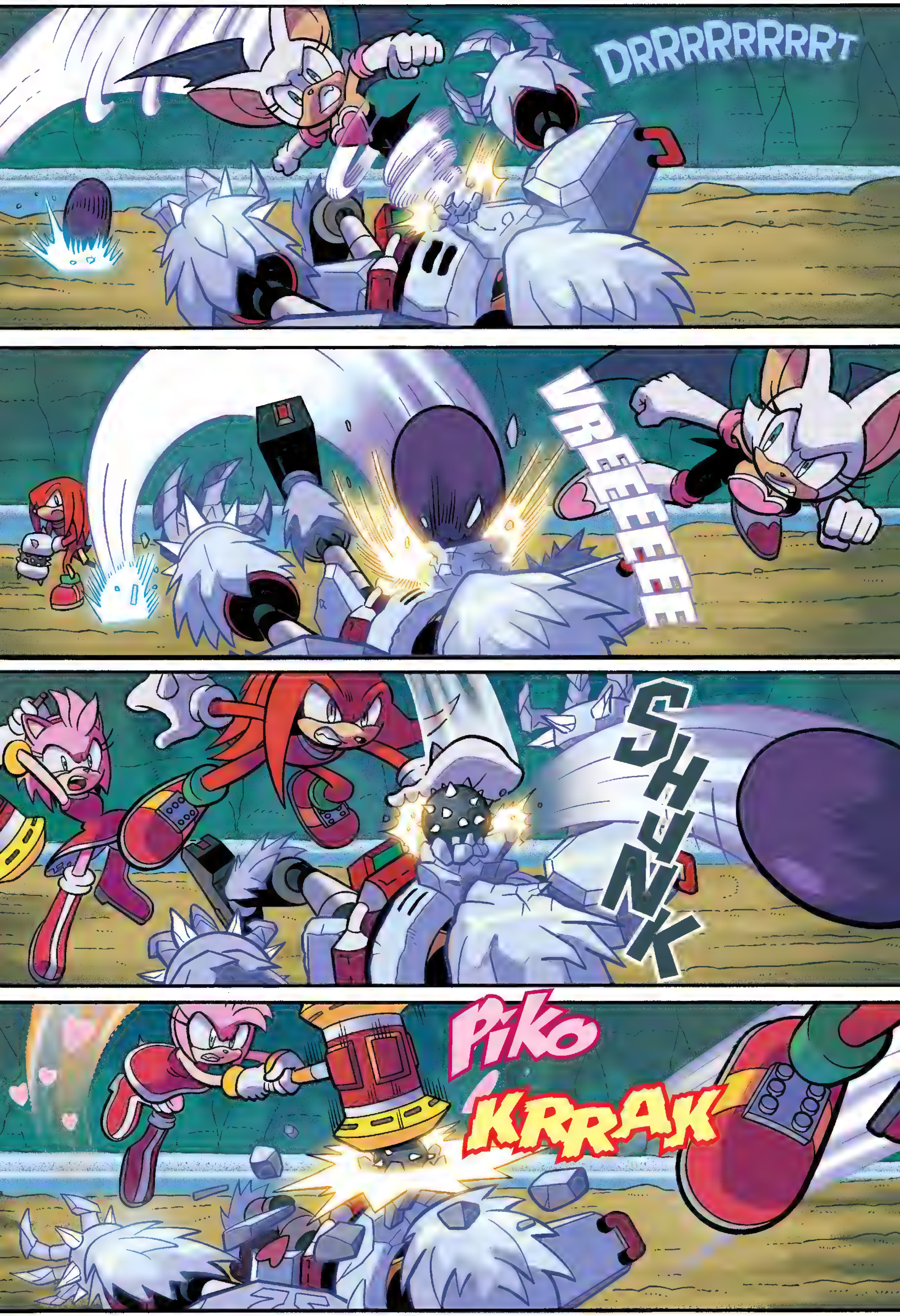

"EXCEPT HIS BRAT OF A DAUGHTER GREW SUSPICIOUS. SHE SENT HER VILE ARTIFICIAL CONSTRUCT TO INVESTIGATE, FORCING MY HAND..."
"I HAD *ALMOST* TURNED *THAT* TO MY ADVANTAGE..."
"...WHEN DR. EGGMAN DECIDED TO PUNISH ME FOR MY THEFT."
"AND THEN...*SOMETHING* HAPPENED TO DRIVE ME OUT.* I FEEL IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE GENESIS WAVE-- *AGAIN!*"**
"IN MY DESPERATION, I HAD DABBLED IN TECHNOLOGY AND ONLY SUFFERED FOR IT. *NEVER AGAIN.*"
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL. 1
**SONIC & MEGA MAN-- WORLDS COLLIDE THE COMPLETE EPIC


ALMOST... ALMOST...
SCHWAAAAHN
...I DID IT...?
I DID IT!
O ANCIENT CONTROLLER! YOU THAT UNIFIES THE CHAOS! REPAIR MY BROKEN ESSENCE! *RETURN MY MAGICAL POWER!*


KNUCKLES?
IT'S TOO LATE! HE'S RESTORED THE MASTER EMERALD!
BUT HE...
NO! IT'S *NEVER* TOO LATE!
ALL HE DID WAS SAVE YOU A STEP! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PLUG IT BACK INTO ITS SHRINE AND ANGEL ISLAND IS SAVED!
...YOU DON'T "PLUG IT IN."
HOWEVER IT'S DONE-- YOU'LL DO IT! AND WE'LL KICK HIS CREEPY BUTT WHILE WE'RE AT IT! AND WE--!
YEEP!


KNUCKLES!
RRRGH! I'VE GOT HIM! BREAK THOSE STINKIN' CRYSTALS!
WHY!
PIKO
PIKO
THEY!
WON'T!
PIKO
PIKO
PIKO
SHATTER?!
I GOTTA GIVE EGGMAN CREDIT-- HE BUILT THIS ONE TO LAST. CARE TO STUN HIM AGAIN WITH ANOTHER CHAOS SPEAR?
HE SEEMS TO BE GROWING RESISTANT TO IT-- AND STRONGER. I THINK THE CRYSTALS ARE REDIRECTING THE ENERGY INTO HIM.
DROP YOUR INHIBITOR RINGS? USE YOUR CHAOS BLAST?
I'D RISK A CAVE-IN, BURYING US ALL ALIVE. HOWEVER, IF IT STOPPED NAUGUS...
FORGET I ASKED!


WE MANAGED TO CRACK THE ARMOR! IF WE FOCUS ON THAT ONE SPOT WITH ENOUGH FORCE, MAYBE WE CAN BREAK THROUGH!
WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT AT THIS! AMY! ON THREE?
READY! ONE!
TWO!
THREE!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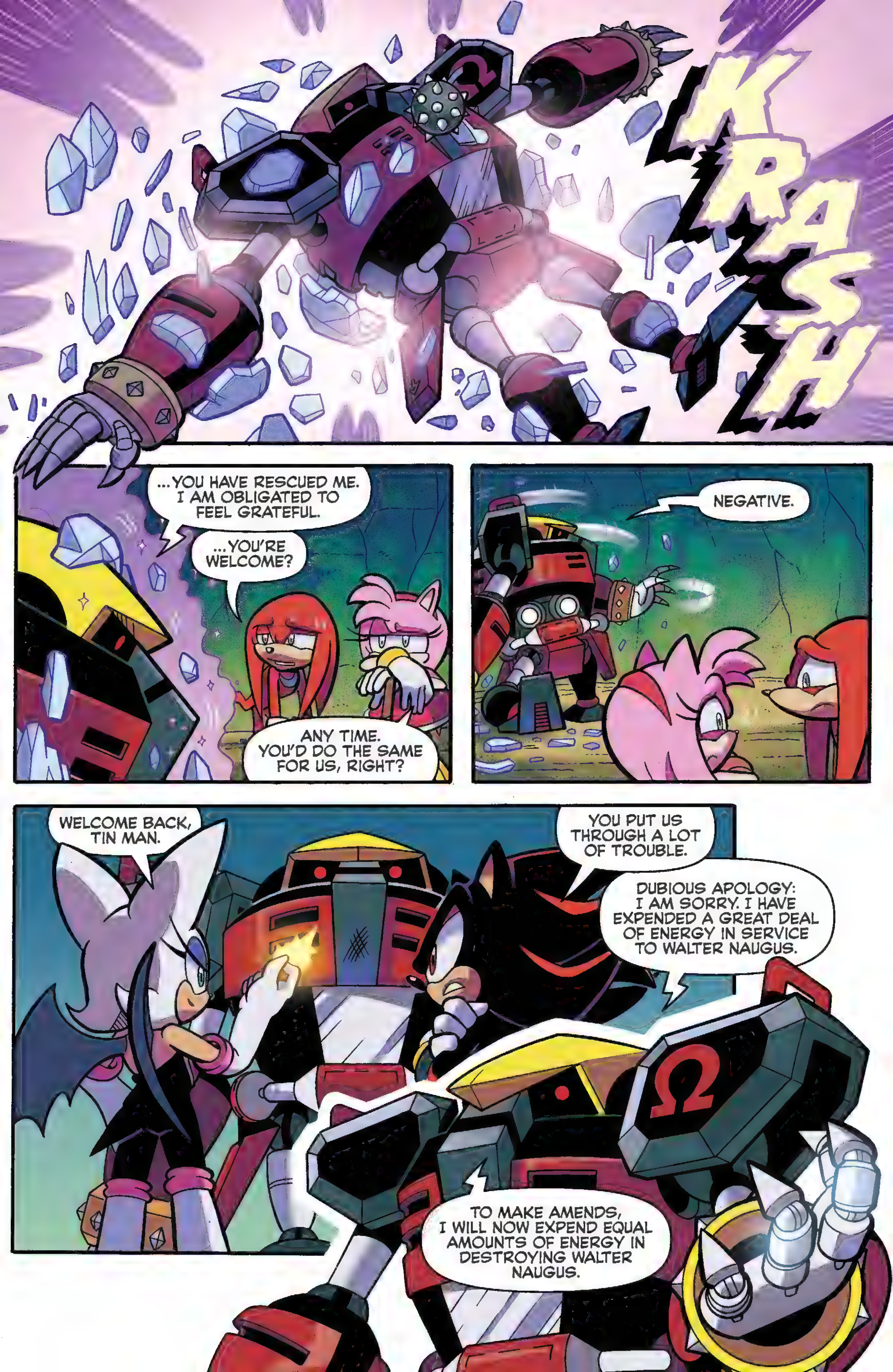
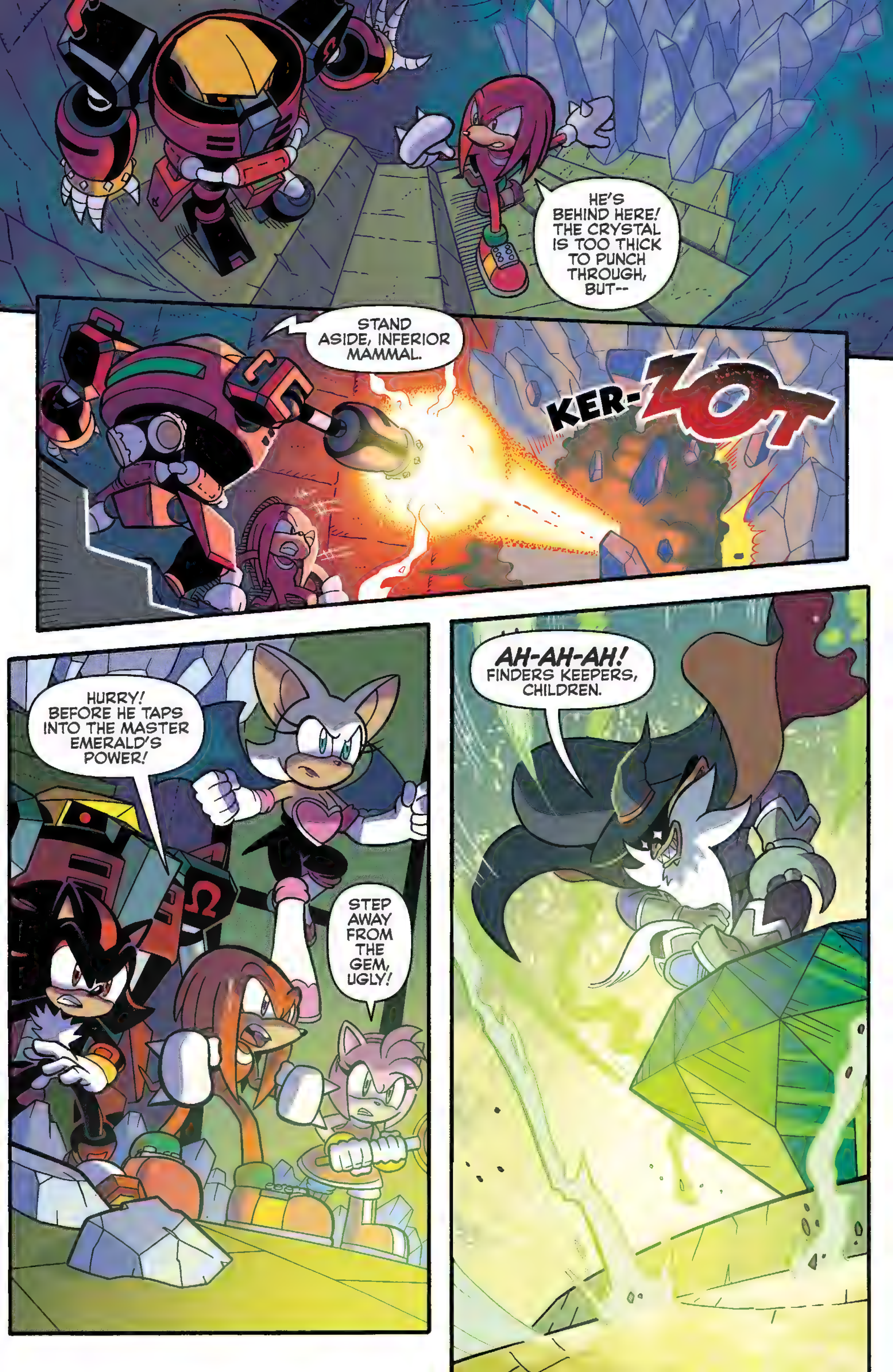
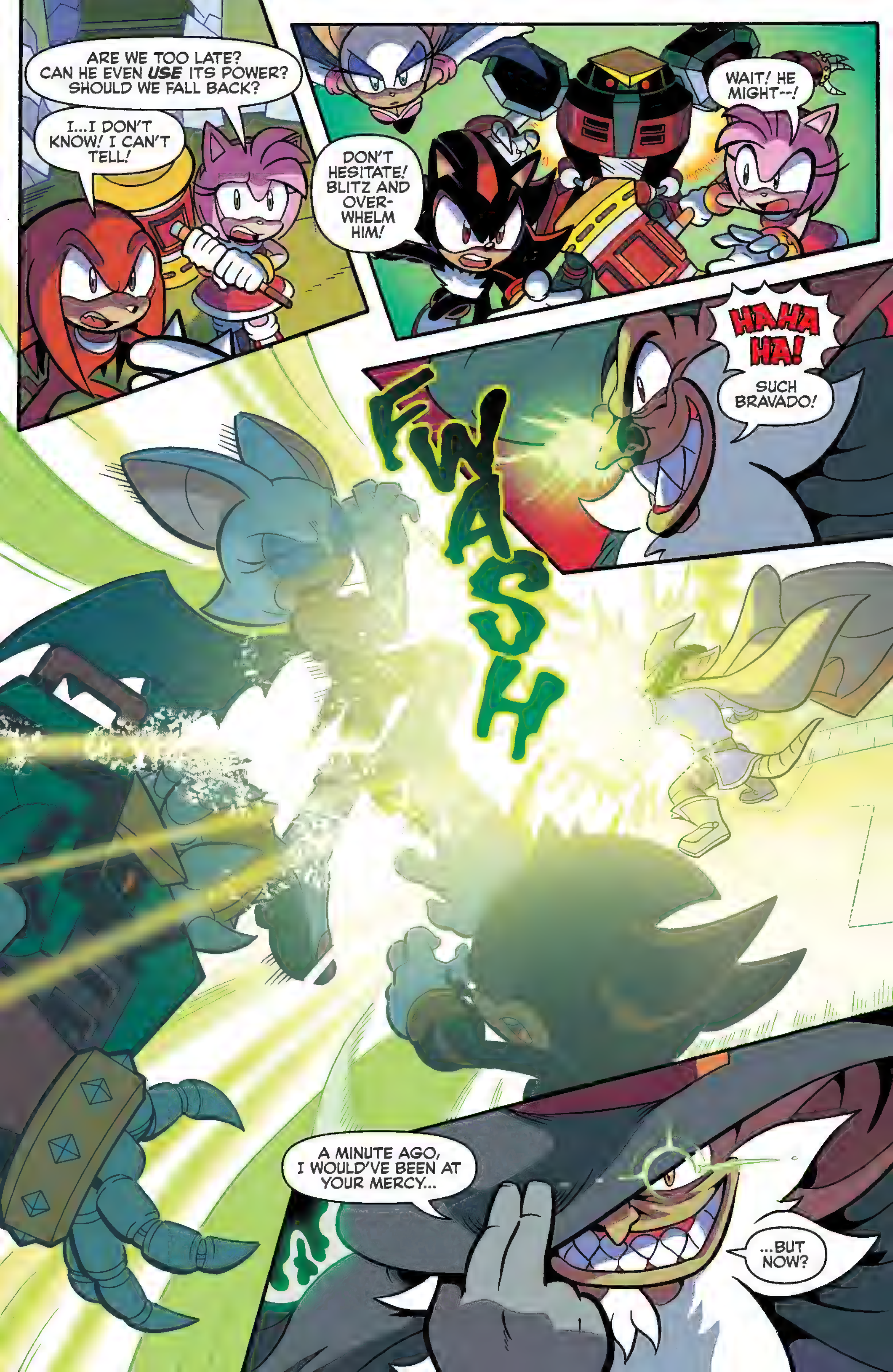
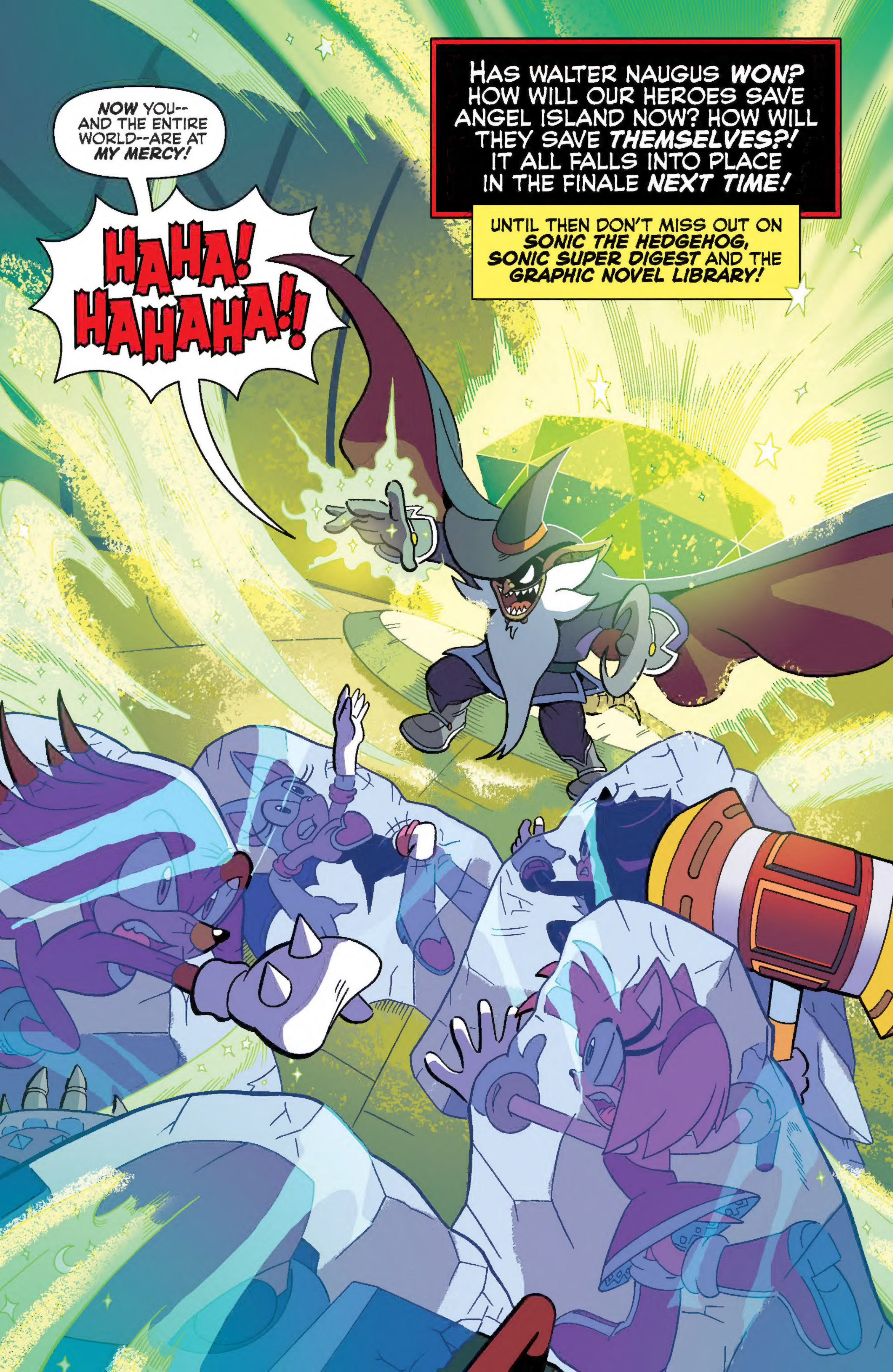
VREEEEEE
SHUNK
PiKO
KRRAK


KRASH
...YOU HAVE RESCUED ME. I AM OBLIGATED TO FEEL GRATEFUL.
...YOU'RE WELCOME?
ANY TIME. YOU'D DO THE SAME FOR US, RIGHT?
NEGATIVE.
WELCOME BACK, TIN MAN.
YOU PUT US THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE.
DUBIOUS APOLOGY: I AM SORRY. I HAVE EXPENDED A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY IN SERVICE TO WALTER NAUGUS.
TO MAKE AMENDS, I WILL NOW EXPEND EQUAL AMOUNTS OF ENERGY IN DESTROYING WALTER NAUGUS.

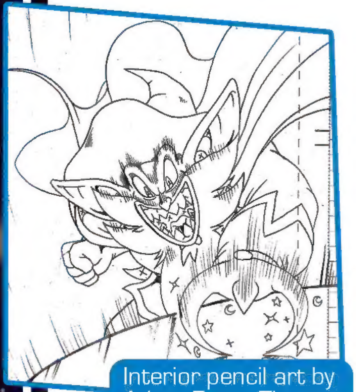

HE'S BEHIND HERE! THE CRYSTAL IS TOO THICK TO PUNCH THROUGH, BUT--
STAND ASIDE, INFERIOR MAMMAL.
KER-ZOT
HURRY! BEFORE HE TAPS INTO THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER!
STEP AWAY FROM THE GEM, UGLY!
AH-AH-AH! FINDERS KEEPERS, CHILDREN.


ARE WE TOO LATE? CAN HE EVEN *USE* ITS POWER? SHOULD WE FALL BACK?
I...I DON'T KNOW! I CAN'T TELL!
DON'T HESITATE! BLITZ AND OVER-WHELM HIM!
WAIT! HE MIGHT--!
HAHA HA!
SUCH BRAVADO!
FWASH
A MINUTE AGO, I WOULD'VE BEEN AT YOUR MERCY...
...BUT NOW?


*NOW* YOU-- AND THE ENTIRE WORLD--ARE AT *MY MERCY!*
HAHA! HAHAHA!!
HAS WALTER NAUGUS *WON?* HOW WILL OUR HEROES SAVE ANGEL ISLAND NOW? HOW WILL THEY SAVE *THEMSELVES?!* IT ALL FALLS INTO PLACE IN THE FINALE *NEXT TIME!*
UNTIL THEN DON'T MISS OUT ON *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER DIGEST* AND THE *GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!*

# Letter from the EDITOR

*Editorial commentary; We've got edits. We've got comments. Nailed it.*

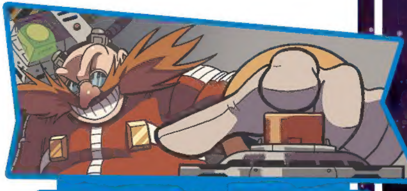


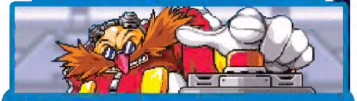
Interior pencil art by Adam Bryce Thomas

## I WAS FROZEN TODAY!

Okay, maybe I wasn't, but our heroes certainly are! With Knuckles and friends immobilized, nothing stands in the way of Walter and his evil ambitions… for now…

The fate of Angel Island will be settled next time! Until then, I wanna leave you fans with something special to look forward to.

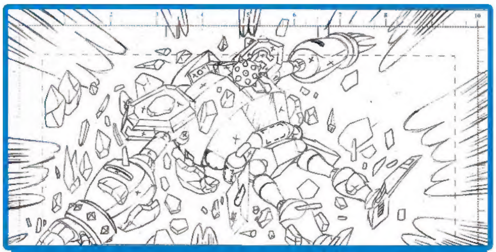




The above panel is a direct reference to the intro sequence from *Sonic Advance 3*.

With a little guidance from the mid-issue flashback, we are finally able to see exactly how Walter got to the castle back in STH #252 (STH vol.1 - *Countdown to Chaos*). With that in mind, the genesis of Walter may be further brought to light sooner than you think!

Later, homies! Vin 2016 **– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo**
Editor



After being brought back to his own will, Omega feels the regrets of his life choices.

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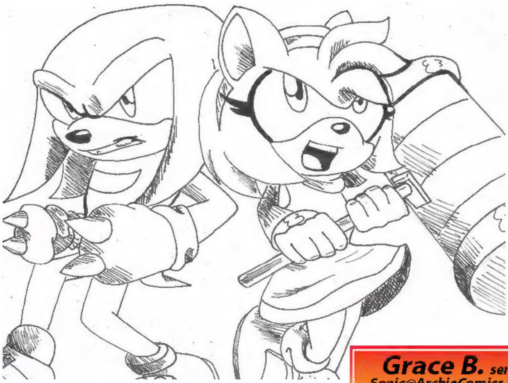

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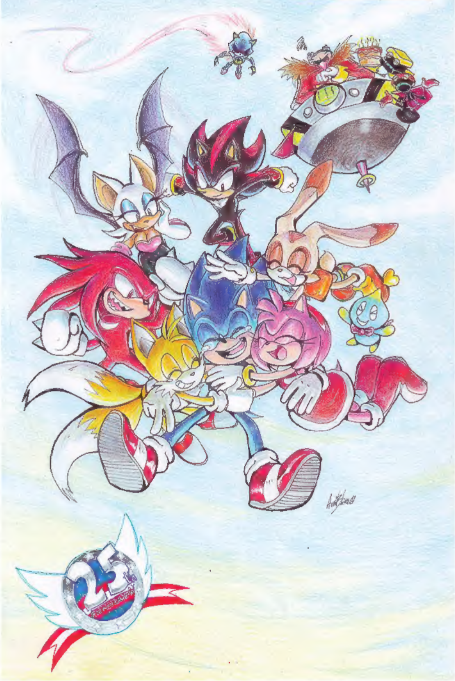

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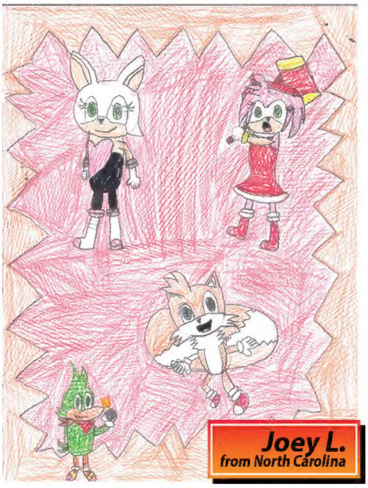

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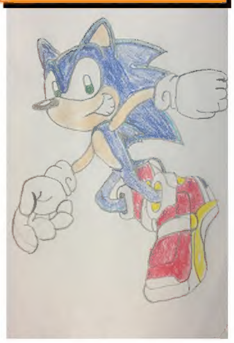

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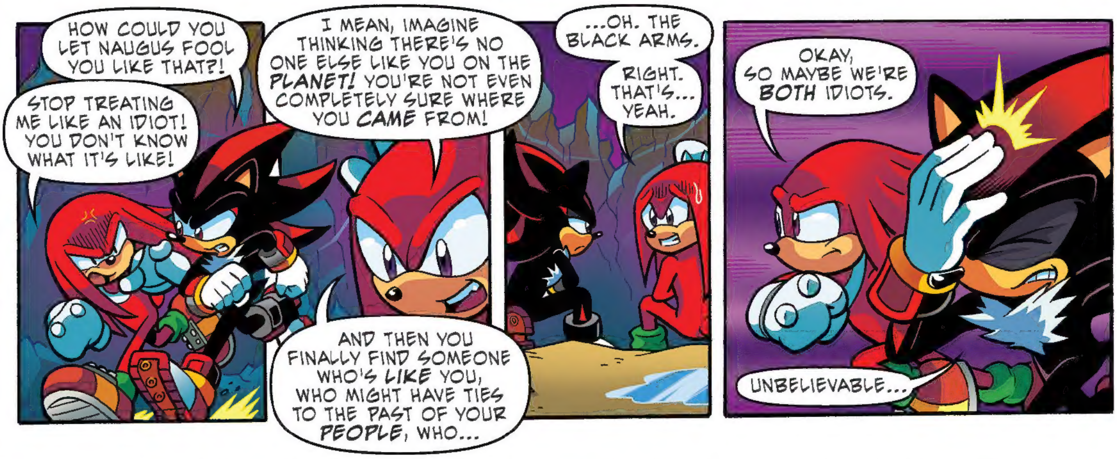
## OFF PANEL

## THE #1 KNUCKLEHEAD OR TOO SOON?


HOW COULD YOU LET NAUGUS FOOL YOU LIKE THAT?!
STOP TREATING ME LIKE AN IDIOT! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE!
I MEAN, IMAGINE THINKING THERE'S NO ONE ELSE LIKE YOU ON THE *PLANET!* YOU'RE NOT EVEN COMPLETELY SURE WHERE YOU *CAME* FROM!
AND THEN YOU FINALLY FIND SOMEONE WHO'S *LIKE* YOU, WHO MIGHT HAVE TIES TO THE PAST OF YOUR *PEOPLE*, WHO...
...OH. THE BLACK ARMS.
RIGHT. THAT'S... YEAH.
OKAY, SO MAYBE WE'RE *BOTH* IDIOTS.
UNBELIEVABLE...

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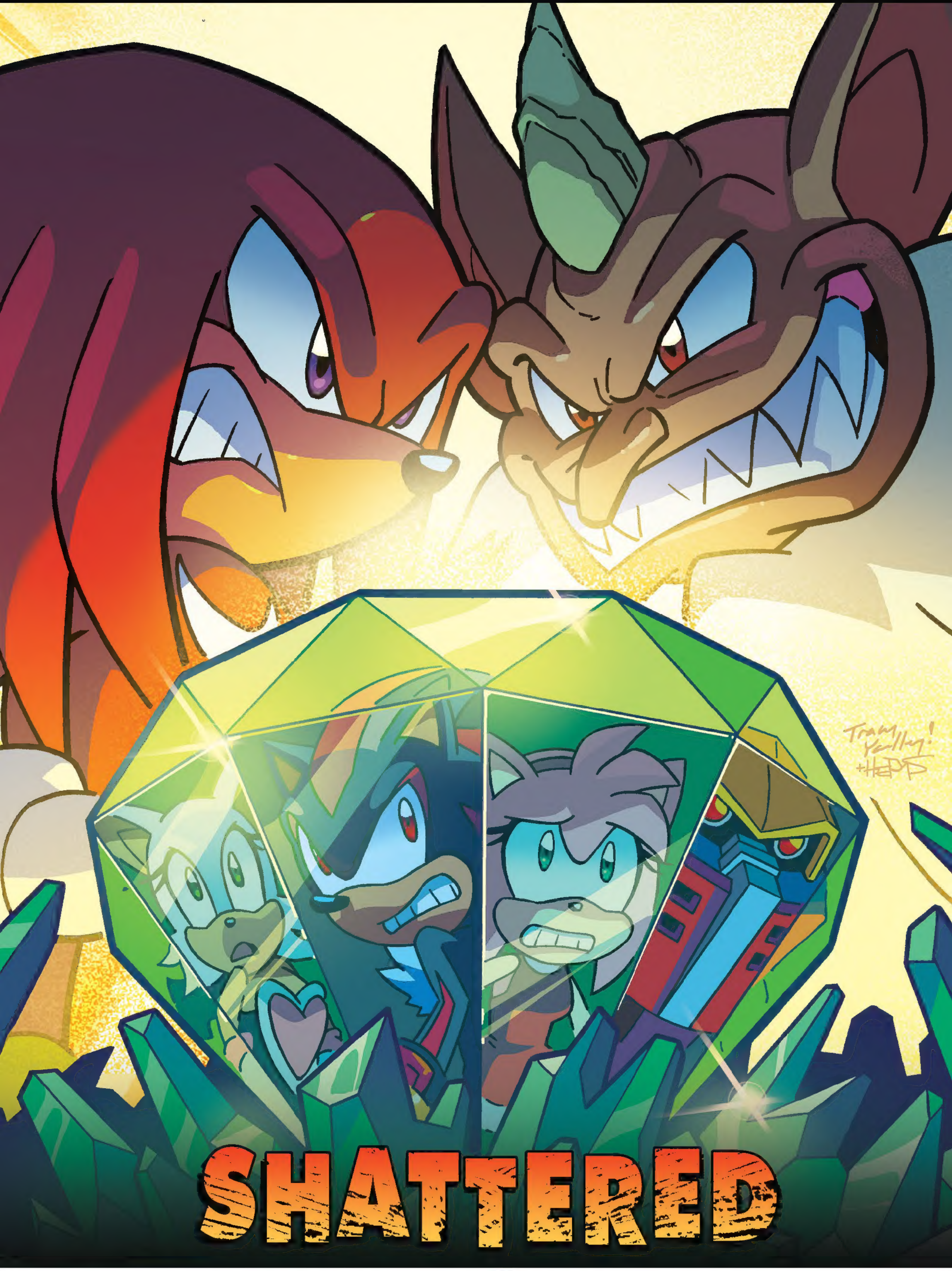
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